

Large Group Leader Guide

Today's Suggested Schedule

Prelude: Setting the tone for the experience

See the Getting Ready pages at the end of this document for a detailed description of what you'll need for today. In the Prelude folder of your curriculum, you'll find a variety of other resources to help you prepare.

Small Group (15 minutes)

Social: Providing time for fun interaction

1. Opening Activity

Large Group (35 minutes)

Worship: Inviting people to respond to God

Story: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

- Opener
- Worship ("Yes I Am" from Everything to Me, "I Can Do All Things" from At the Top of My Lungs)
- Bible Story (sections about God's Big Story are included as optional)
- Prayer

Small Group (25 minutes)

Groups: Creating a safe place to connect

1. Bible Story Review: ROARing Review (K-1st grade), Act It Out! (2nd-3rd grade), Bible Story Extension (4th-5th Grade)
2. Application Activity: God Is Always with Me (K-1st grade), God Is My Shield (2nd-3rd grade), Take a Snapshot (4th-5th Grade)
3. Memory Verse Activity: Picture This! Memory Verse (K-1st grade), Verse Dash (2nd-3rd grade), Verses to Take with You (4th-5th Grade)
4. Prayer Activity: Pray and Dismiss

Home: Prompting action beyond the experience

- Devotionals for Kids
- Parent Cue Card (print or email)
- [Parent Cue App](#) and [ParentCue.org](#)

THIS MONTH



Today's Bible Story

Daniel and the Lions' Den

Daniel 6

Bottom Line

God is always with you.

Memory Verse

"Those who trust in the LORD will receive new strength. They will fly as high as eagles. They will run and not get tired. They will walk and not grow weak."

Isaiah 40:31 (NirV)



Inclusive Pro Tips

Loud sounds, bright lights, and large groups can be overwhelming or overstimulating for some children. To create a more inclusive large group experience, consider offering adaptive tools like noise-canceling headphones, sunglasses, sensory-friendly items, or access to modified spaces.

25 MINUTES

Story

10 MINUTES

Worship

① Opener

AUDIO → Play high-energy music as kids enter.

SLIDE → Theme

Optional Video → Theme Loop

→ **Host enters.**

Optional Video → Countdown

Optional Video → Theme Intro

Optional Video → Theme Loop

HOST: ““Hey, everyone! Welcome to an awesome day at **[NAME OF YOUR ENVIRONMENT]**! I’m your Host, **[YOUR NAME]**, and I am SO excited you’re here!

“This month we’re exploring our ‘Bedrock’ series—building confidence in God block by block! Just like when you’re building something amazing in a video game, you build confidence in God one block at a time as you talk to Him every day and go through life with Him every day.

“Our Bible Story today is all about that! But before we dive into it, let’s play a game that’s going to get us moving and laughing together!

→ **Gesture for kids to stand up and form a large circle. Join the circle yourself. (IF YOU HAVE A REALLY LARGE GROUP, FEEL FREE TO MAKE SMALLER CIRCLES!)**

“Everyone up on your feet! We’re going to play a game called ‘Silly Switcheroo!’ Here’s how it works!

“When I call out ‘Switch!’ you need to find a brand-new spot in our circle. You can’t stay where you are, and you can’t go to the spot right next to where you were standing. When you hear ‘Switch!’ move fast but be safe—no pushing or running into each other!

→ **Demonstrate by walking to a different spot in the circle.**

“But wait, there’s more! Sometimes I’ll call ‘Double Switch!’ That means you switch spots twice—find your first new spot in the circle, then immediately look for another new spot and switch again!

“And here’s where it gets really fun! I might give you special instructions for how to move to your new spot. Like ‘Switch and hop like a frog!’ or ‘Switch and walk backwards!’ or ‘Switch and pretend you’re building with blocks!’ Are you ready to try this? Let’s practice once—everybody, Switch!”

→ **Allow kids to move to new spots in the circle(s).**

“Perfect! I can already see some of you are natural Silly Switcheroo players! Let’s try it with some fun movements. Ready? Switch and hop like a frog!”

25 MINUTES

Story

10 MINUTES

Worship

AUDIO → High-energy music

→ **Continue with several rounds, adding different movements and instructions. An example direction is listed below,**

"Switch!"

"Switch and walk backwards!"

"Double switch!"

"Switch and pretend you're building with blocks!"

"Switch and flap your arms like eagles!"

"Double switch!"

"Switch and tiptoe like you're sneaking!"

→ **After several energetic rounds, instruct the kids to return to their seats.**

"Wow! You all are amazing at Silly Switcheroo! I love how you kept switching spots even when it felt a little crazy or when you weren't sure exactly where to go next. You know what? Sometimes in life, we face situations where we have to make switches or changes, and we don't always feel confident about what comes next. But today we're going to hear about someone who faced a really scary situation—way scarier than switching spots in a circle—and discover how he found the confidence in God. Let's get ready for worship!"

② Worship

→ **Worship Leaders enter as Host exits.**

WORSHIP LEADER: "Hey, friends! I'm so excited to worship God through music with you! Part of worship is showing that you value something. That means that you don't need music to worship God—you can worship God anytime by spending time with Him, by living out His ways, and by showing His love. But right now we're going to show God He's valuable and precious to us by singing and dancing!"

"Let's talk about our first song. We're learning this month that we can be confident in all things because God, who is the strongest, goes with us in all things. God loves you very much—that's why He wants to go through life with you. You are a child of the Father who loves you! Let's sing about that in our first song, 'Yes I Am'!"

AUDIO → "Yes I Am" track 1 from Everything to Me
Optional Video → "Yes I Am" Dance Moves or Live Lyrics Video

25 MINUTES

Story

10 MINUTES

Worship

“Great worshipping! This next song sings a truth straight from the Bible—it’s called ‘I Can Do All Things.’ When a man named Paul wrote in the Bible that he could do all things in Jesus, he was writing that he could face all things with Jesus, because Jesus lived in him and went through life with him. The same is true with you! You can face anything in life because Jesus goes with you! Let’s sing about that!”

AUDIO → “I Can Do All Things” / track 5 from At the Top of My Lungs

Optional Video → “I Can Do All Things” Dance Moves Video or Live Lyrics Video

“Great job, you guys! One of the amazing things about life is that yes, God asks us to do a lot—like live out His ways—but He goes through every step of the way with us, and He will give us strength as we do it!”

“That’s exactly what our Memory Verse from this month is all about. It’s Isaiah 40:31! I’ll read it and then we can say it together!”

SLIDE → Memory Verse

WORSHIP LEADER AND KIDS: “Those who trust in the LORD will receive new strength.
They will fly as high as eagles.
They will run and not get tired.
They will walk and not grow weak. —Isaiah 40:31

“Let’s say it together!”

WORSHIP LEADER AND KIDS: “Those who trust in the LORD will receive new strength.
They will fly as high as eagles.
They will run and not get tired.
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WORSHIP LEADER: “Great job, you guys! God wants to give you strength so you can soar through life! That’s awesome! We’ll try to put that truth in our hearts all month.

“Today’s true story from the Bible is about a guy where exactly that happened—God gave him the strength to face something really hard. Let’s sit down and get ready to hear our true story from the Bible today!”

25 MINUTES

Story

10 MINUTES

Worship

③ Bible Story

SLIDE → Theme Background

INTRODUCTION

- **Make sure to have a table off to the side where the Storyteller can read from their Bible (OPEN THE BIBLE TO DANIEL 6). Put the box of props where the Storyteller can easily access it at the beginning of the Bible Story**

STORYTELLER: “Hi, friends! Wow, you have some serious worship energy! Let’s carry that fun energy over into our Bible Story. Today’s story is about a man in the Bible about whom not a single negative thing is written! It’s about Daniel! Daniel loved God and followed Him well.

“But before we get to Daniel’s story, let me tell you about something amazing we’re doing this year! We’re going through key stories in the Bible from cover to cover!

“But are we going through the Bible just so we’ll learn the awesome stories in the Bible? Not exactly! One of the reasons God gave us the Bible is so that we can get to know Him! He wants us to be His friends! So as we go through the Bible this year, our hope is that we learn about Him!

GOD’S BIG STORY OPENER (OPTIONAL)

STORYTELLER: “We’re going to go through God’s Big Story together! **(GESTURE TO SLIDE.)**

SLIDE → God’s Big Story

“Each week, we’ll look at a story from God’s Big Story and add a picture of that story to our timeline, so we can see where we’ve been in the Bible as we journey along. **(GESTURE TO TIMELINE.)**

“Let me bring you up to speed on where we’ve been in God’s Big Story so far!

“So you might remember that in the very beginning, God made everything! He made the world, the animals, people ... everything! God made the first people for the same reason He made all people—to be His close, close friends. But sadly, the first people God made chose to turn away from Him and sin. God wanted people to be close to Him, but they couldn’t anymore! It was so sad.

“And awful things happened to the world too. Pain, sickness, and death entered into it.

“But God didn’t want to leave things that way! So He put His rescue plan in motion right from the start!

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Story

10 MINUTES

Worship

“God was going to rescue everything through a family! God chose a man named Abraham and promised that his family would bless the whole world. Many years later, Abraham’s great-grandson Joseph ended up in Egypt. After some hard times, God helped Joseph become a super-important leader there! Joseph saved his whole family by bringing them to Egypt. But hundreds of years passed. God grew and grew His people. A new Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, came along. He didn’t know about Joseph. He saw how many of God’s people there were, he got scared, and he started being mean to them.

“God’s people cried out to God for help. He answered! God brought His people out of Egypt into a beautiful home He had for them—the Promised Land!

“After some time living in the Promised Land, God’s people wanted a king like the other nations around them. God gave them a king, and then many more kings **(AND ONE QUEEN)** followed. Sadly, the nation of God’s people split in two—into the northern kingdom of Israel and the southern kingdom of Judah.

“During this time, there were prophets in both kingdoms who spoke and taught on God’s behalf. God would guide and direct the prophets to tell others about Him and His heart.

“Many of the prophets delivered the same message from God: ‘Come back to Me!’ But many of the kings didn’t listen. They turned their hearts away from God, and as a result, the northern kingdom of Israel was totally destroyed and never heard from again. The southern kingdom of Judah was taken captive by other nations. God’s people were taken from the Promised Land! It was sad, but God was preserving a remnant mostly from the nation of Judah. He was going to keep His promise.

“And that’s where we are in God’s Big Story.”

SETTING UP THE STORY

“We’re carrying on right along through the Bible! This week, we’re going to learn about one of the prophets whom God sent to speak His messages. The prophet Jonah! At first, Jonah was not-so-great as a prophet—he didn’t want to share God’s message.

“But wait, I’m getting a little ahead of myself. Let me set the stage for our true story from the Bible, the adventure we’re going on today.

“Every good adventure needs a player, a quest, and a way to keep score. Today, we’re going to use something called our Confidence Meter to help us see how Jonah’s confidence and trust in God went up ... and down ... through some of the craziest moments in Bible history!

SLIDE → Confidence Meter 1

STORYTELLER: “We’re continuing right along through the Bible!

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Worship

“Like I mentioned before, I’m so excited to tell you our story about Daniel today. Unfortunately, he was taken away from the Promised Land to live in a foreign land, Babylon. But even in a foreign land, he always followed God!

“As we look into a part of Daniel’s story today, I’m going to need some volunteers to help me tell it. Who wants to volunteer to be our story characters in our story today? I need four brave volunteers to help tell Daniel’s story.

- **Select four kid volunteers (preferably, choose males for Daniel and King Darius). From the prop box, give each kid a robe. Give the volunteer playing King Darius the most regal robe and the crown.**

STORYTELLER: (GESTURE TO THE KID VOLUNTEER WHO IS PLAYING DANIEL.) This is Daniel! Daniel was captured and taken to Babylon when he was young, but he never stopped loving and trusting God. **(GESTURE TO THE KID VOLUNTEER WHO IS PLAYING KING DARIUS.)** This is King Darius—he ruled over the Medo-Persian empire, which took over the Babylonian empire. **(GESTURE TO THE TWO KID VOLUNTEERS WHO ARE PLAYING THE ADVISERS.)** And these are the jealous advisors who worked for the king but didn’t like Daniel very much.

“Actors, I’ll tell you what lines to say and cue you to do a little bit of acting. If you need help repeating your lines, that’s no problem! Just ask me to help. We’ll all tell this story together.

“Now let’s get started on our story!

THE KING LIKES DANIEL

- **Position the four actors on stage. Put Daniel at the center, King Darius nearby, and the advisors off to one side.**

STORYTELLER: “Daniel had served kings for many years. Even though he was far from his home, he wasn’t far from God. He prayed to God three times every single day. He would kneel by his window and pray, just like this.

- **Nod to the Daniel volunteer to kneel and fold his hands in prayer.**

STORYTELLER: “Daniel, can you show us how you prayed? You can say, ‘Thank You, God, for loving me. Help me trust You always.’”

DANIEL: “Thank You, God, for loving me. Help me trust You always.”

STORYTELLER: “Perfect! Now, King Darius really liked Daniel. Daniel was honest, hardworking, and wise. The king was even thinking about putting Daniel in charge of everyone in the whole kingdom! King Darius, can you point to Daniel and say, ‘Daniel does such a great job!’”

KING DARIUS: “Daniel does such a great job!”

STORYTELLER: “But the other advisors were jealous. Daniel was an

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unusually good and able man. The advisors couldn't find anything wrong with him. So they came up with a sneaky plan.

"They went to King Darius with a suggestion. Advisors, can you walk over to the king, bow, and say, 'Your Majesty, you're so amazing that people should pray only to you for 30 days!'"

ADVISORS: "Your Majesty, you're so amazing that people should pray only to you for 30 days!"

OH NO, WHAT YOU GONNA DO?

STORYTELLER: "Great job! Let me read the advisors' sneaky plan from the Bible:

→ **Open the Bible to Daniel 6:7 (NirV) and read.**

"Your Majesty ... don't let any of your people pray to any god or human being except to you. If they do, throw them into the lions' den."

"King Darius liked that order. King Darius, you can nod and say, 'That sounds like a good order!'"

KING DARIUS: "That sounds like a good order!"

STORYTELLER: "So the king signed the official order. Now, in the Medo-Persian empire, once an order was given, it couldn't be changed by anyone—not even the king! When Daniel heard about this order, what do you think he did? Did he stop praying? No way! Daniel went home and prayed to God, just like always. Daniel, can you kneel and pray again?"

→ **Watch the kid volunteer playing Daniel as he kneels and prays.**

STORYTELLER: "Daniel knew that God was always with him, no matter what happened. Even if it meant getting in trouble, Daniel was going to keep trusting God. The jealous advisors were watching, and they ran to tell the king. Advisors, point at Daniel and say, 'King Darius! Daniel broke your order! He's still praying to his God!'"

ADVISORS: "King Darius! Daniel broke your order! He's still praying to his God!"

STORYTELLER: "Let's read what the advisors said in the Bible.

→ **Open the Bible to Daniel 6:13 (NirV) and read.**

"Daniel ... doesn't pay any attention to you, Your Majesty. He doesn't obey the order you put in writing. He still prays to his God three times a day."

"Oh no! King Darius was trapped. He didn't want to hurt Daniel, but he couldn't change the order. At sunset, he sadly called for Daniel to be brought to the lions' den.

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- **Point to the designated lions' den area where the stuffed lions are.**

STORYTELLER: "King Darius, say what you said in the Bible in Daniel 6:16 (NIRV): '[DANIEL], you always serve your God faithfully. So may he save you!'"

KING DARIUS: "[DANIEL], you always serve your God faithfully. So may he save you!"

STORYTELLER: "Then Daniel was put down into the den with the lions!"

- **Prompt the kid volunteer playing Daniel to move to the lions' den area.**

DANIEL WAS NOT ALONE

STORYTELLER: "All night long, King Darius worried about Daniel. He couldn't sleep! As soon as the sun came up, he ran to the lions' den. King Darius, call down to Daniel and ask, 'Daniel! Has your God saved you from the lions?'"

KING DARIUS: "Daniel! Has your God saved you from the lions?"

STORYTELLER: "Let's read what Daniel called back up:

- **Open the Bible to Daniel 6:21-22 (NirV) and read.**

"Your Majesty, may you live forever! My God sent his angel. And his angel shut the mouths of the lions. They haven't hurt me at all."

"God had sent an angel to shut the mouths of the lions! Wow! God protected Daniel from the lions, so he didn't get hurt at all! Daniel, can you pet one of our pretend lions and say, 'Nice kitty?'"

- **Watch as the kid volunteer playing Daniel pets a lion stuffed animal.**

DANIEL: "Nice kitty!"

STORYTELLER: "King Darius was so happy! He ordered his servants to lift Daniel out of the den. Daniel wasn't hurt at all! Not even a scratch! The king was so amazed that he made a new decree for everyone in his kingdom. King Darius, you can say, 'Everyone must respect and honor Daniel's God! He saved Daniel from the lions!'"

KING DARIUS: "Everyone must respect and honor Daniel's God! He saved Daniel from the lions!"

STORYTELLER: "Let me read King Darius's decree from the Bible:

- **Open the Bible to Daniel 6:26-27 (NirV) and read**

"I order people in every part of my kingdom to respect and honor Daniel's God.

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Story

10 MINUTES

Worship

"He is the living God.
 He will live forever.
 His kingdom will not be destroyed.
 His rule will never end.
 He sets people free and saves them.
 He does miraculous signs and wonders.
 He does them in the heavens and on the earth.
 He has saved Daniel
 from the power of the lions."

"Great job, actors! I'll take your acting props. **(PUT THE PROPS BACK IN THE BOX.)** Thank you! Let's give our amazing actors a huge round of applause!" **(LEAD THE APPLAUSE AS THE KIDS RETURN TO THEIR SEATS.)**

WRAPPING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: "What an incredible story! Daniel had some serious confidence to face those lions! But Daniel's confidence didn't come from being brave on his own. His confidence came from knowing that God was always with him.

"Throughout his whole life, Daniel had seen God's faithfulness over and over again. When he was taken captive as a young man, God was with him. When he served different kings, God was with him. When he faced difficult situations, God was with him. And when he was thrown into that scary lions' den, God was still with him.

"That reminds me of what we want to try to remember from Daniel's story today. It's this:

SLIDE → Bottom Line

[BOTTOM LINE] "God knows what's best. Say that with me."

→ **Host enters and joins in.**

STORYTELLER, HOST, and KIDS: **[BOTTOM LINE]** "God knows what's best."

GOD'S BIG STORY CLOSER (OPTIONAL)

STORYTELLER: "Let's take a look at the progress we made in God's Big Story this week!"

SLIDE → God's Big Story

"This week, we're up here in this picture of Daniel and the lions' den. That's where we are in God's Big Story! **(GESTURE TO IMAGE OF DANIEL.)**

"This week we talked about Daniel! Sadly, Daniel was part of the group of people that was captured from the southern kingdom of Judah and taken to a foreign land. But even though God's people were taken from the Promised Land, God didn't give up on His promise! Because God would

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10 MINUTES

Worship

take care of this remnant. Many, many years later, God would make sure some of the people got to come back home to the Promised Land. And then many, many years after that, from this tiny remnant, God would send Jesus! And Jesus was the Savior who would rescue us all!

“Let’s put the next image on our timeline!”

SLIDE → Week 3 Timeline Image

→ **If you’re making a timeline of printed images on your wall, take this moment to place today’s timeline image on the clothesline.**

“This week we talked about Daniel!”

WHAT’S OUR PART IN THE STORY?

HOST: “What an amazing story! Daniel really did have incredible confidence, didn’t he?”

“He absolutely did! But remember, Daniel’s confidence wasn’t in himself, it was in God. Daniel had made it a habit to talk with God every single day. Three times a day, he would stop what he was doing and pray. He would talk to his Friend. So when he faced being thrown to the lions, he had confidence that God was with him, just like God had been with him every other day.

“That’s so important! Building confidence is like building in a video game—it happens block by block, day by day. And the strongest foundation for confidence is knowing that God is always with you.

“Let’s think about times when you might need to remember this truth. Maybe you feel nervous about starting at a new school. What does our Bottom Line tell us?”

KIDS: “God is always with you!”

HOST: “That’s right! Or maybe you’re worried about a big test at school, or you have to go to the doctor, or someone is being mean to you. In all of those situations, what’s true?”

KIDS: “God is always with you!”

HOST: “Now, I know sometimes you might KNOW that God is with you, but you don’t always FEEL like it. That’s totally normal! Daniel probably felt scared when he saw those lions. But he remembered all the times God had helped him before. He remembered God was with him. And he chose to trust God even when he felt afraid.

“And don’t forget, when you choose to follow Jesus, Jesus’ very Spirit comes to live inside you. The Holy Spirit gives us the same kind of confidence that Daniel had. Not confidence in ourselves, but confidence in God! The strongest One is with you—He’s in you! You face everything with Him. So God is always with you! That’s the kind of confidence that helped Daniel face the lions, and it’s the same confidence God offers to you!

25 MINUTES

Story

10 MINUTES

Worship

“When you make it a habit to talk with God every day, like Daniel did, it becomes easier to remember that God is with you no matter what you face. You can pray when you wake up, you can pray before meals, you can pray before you go to sleep. You can talk to God about anything—your worries, your excitement, your questions, your thanks. Since He’s with you all of the time, you can talk to Him all of the time! So do! Talk to God all of the time! He moved inside of you to be your closest, closest Friend!

“So this week, when you face situations that make you nervous or scared, remember that the same God who protected Daniel is always with you too. You can build confidence block by block by talking to Him all the time, reading His promises in the Bible, and remembering all the ways He’s taken care of you.

“Let’s pray and ask God to help us remember that He is always with us!

③ Prayer

STORYTELLER or HOST: “Dear God, thank You for the amazing story of Daniel. Thank You for showing us how Daniel had confidence because he knew You were always with him. We want to be like Daniel—people who talk with You every day and trust You no matter what happens. When we feel scared or alone, help us remember that You are always with us. Thank You for sending Jesus so we can be close to You and Your Holy Spirit to live inside us. We want to learn to go through life with You—please teach us how. We love You, and we pray this in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

Transition → Dismiss kids to their small groups.

AUDIO → Play high-energy music as the kids exit.

SLIDE → Theme

Optional Video (MEDIA PACKAGE) → Theme Loop

PLANNING

Getting Ready: Opener

What You Need

- Host

Music and Sound Effects

- Upbeat music to use as kids enter the room

Large Group Visuals

- Theme Slide
- Memory Verse Slide

Optional Videos

- Theme Loop
- Countdown
- Theme Intro

What You Do:

- Download the slides or optional videos and have them ready to use. If you do not have screen capabilities, you have Orange's permission to enlarge and print the slides on paper.
- Refer to week 1 to confirm that your church has appropriate licensing to perform or play music and sound effects in your kids' environments.

PLANNING

Getting Ready: Worship

What You Need

- Worship Leader(s)

Music and Sound Effects

- "Yes I Am" from Everything to Me
- "I Can Do All Things" from At the Top of My Lungs

Optional Videos

Available for purchase.

- "Yes I Am" Dance Moves Video or Live Lyrics Video (available through Store.ThinkOrange.com)
- "I Can Do All Things" Dance Moves Video or Live Lyrics Video (available through Store.ThinkOrange.com)

What You Do:

Note: We've suggested worship songs from Amazing Kids Worship and Orange Kids Music. We've created these songs to be developmentally appropriate for elementary and preteen kids, incorporating simple, direct language, fun dance movements, and upbeat, current arrangements.

We've chosen these specific songs that amplify our teaching content for this month. We recommend that you use these songs as scripted, or combined with other popular worship songs that your kids know and love. Be sure to share the links to these songs with parents so they can stream them at home or in the car! Songs can be purchased at store. thinkorange.com or for free with APlay.

A Worship Leader and live instruments are recommended to sing along with the music tracks. Encourage children to be active during worship by incorporating the appropriate hand motions.

- Download all songs and have them ready to use.
 Note: Make sure your church has obtained licensing rights to play or perform music. You can obtain a license to perform worship music from Christian Copyright Licensing International (www.ccli.com). It covers over 200,000 worship songs for congregational singing. You are responsible for including the copyright information on all songs reproduced under the Church Copyright License (including song lyrics projected onscreen). This includes the song title, writer credit(s), copyright notice, and your church's CCLI license number. You can include this information on one of the lyric slides, or you can create a separate slide detailing this information, but the copyright information must appear at least once for each song you play or perform. For example:
 "Hallelujah" words and music by John Doe
 ©2000 Good Music Co.
 CCLI License # 0000
- Dance Moves Videos and Live Lyrics Videos are available for many Orange Kids Music songs. For more information, visit Store.ThinkOrange.com.
- Visit the [Orange Store](#) for Music Scope and Cycle purchases. Check out the Ministry Leader Guide for more information.

PLANNING

Getting Ready: Bible Story

What You Need

- Storyteller
- Host
- Bible
- Table
- Daniel kid volunteer (preferably a male)
- King Darius kid volunteer (preferably a male)
- 2 Advisor kid volunteers
- Box of props, containing:
- Four kid robes, one more regal than the others
- Crown (to fit a kid volunteer)
- Several lion stuffed animals (to make up the lions in the lions' den)

Music and Sound Effects

- Upbeat music to use as kids exit the room

Optional Videos

- Theme Loop

Large Group Visuals

- Theme Background Slide
- Bottom Line Slide
- Theme Slide

What You Need:

NOTE: We're so excited to be going through key stories of the Bible this year and learning more about its Author—God! It's God's Big Story! But to provide you with flexibility as you experience God's Big Story in your own unique setting, there's more than one way to use the following script!

If you want to follow "God's Big Story," read the following script straight through. Each week will build on the previous ones. But, if your church wants to teach a Large Group session on its own as a standalone, without connecting it to what has come before, there are two sections in the script below that are optional—"God's Big Story Opener" and "God's Big Story Closer."

Optional for God's Big Story

- Clothesline and clothespins for the timeline in your room
- God's Big Story Slide
- Week 3 Timeline Image Slide
- We recommend that you create a timeline in your Large Group room that you can add to throughout this curriculum year as we travel through the Bible. This can be a simple clothesline or a section of the wall where you can hang the printed timeline images in order, week by week. We'll provide a timeline image for each week of curriculum. The timeline image is listed as a slide, but can be printed. A [God's Big Story poster](#) is available as well in the Orange Store.

What You Do:

- Download the slides and have them ready to use. If you do not have screen capabilities, you have Orange's permission to enlarge and print the slides on paper.
- Confirm that your church has appropriate licensing to perform or play music and sound effects in your kids' environments (see above under Opener).
- Designate an area of the stage to be the lions' den. Place the stuffed animal lions in that area.

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- Theme Slide

Video Enhancements for Your Environment

Available in your media files and APlay.

Our Large Group scripts are interchangeable with these videos so you can plug and play the way you need to each week.

For 252 Kids (KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 3RD GRADE):

→ StoryLab: Invite elementary kids to engage with inquisitive young hosts as they explore core biblical truths and stories in a STEAM-inspired setting.

For 252 Preteen (4TH AND 5TH GRADE):

→ The So & So Show: Guide preteens to explore questions of faith through a YouTube-style show full of humor and lots of zany fun.

Additional environment enhancements including:

- Motion graphics, including loops
- Themed transitions
- Countdown videos (30 seconds, 60 seconds, and 5 minutes)

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